

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for a cell phone service provider to communicate to a cell phone user who is a member of a class of recipients, said user located in a particular local geographical area, an alert message that effects that particular local geographical area, said method comprising the steps of:

~~determining the user is located in said geographical area;~~

receiving said alert message from a reporting agency, said message containing information as to locations effected;

determining that the user is located in said geographical area and that the user is a member of a class intended to receive said alert;

~~determining cellular phone cells that are serviced by the cell phone service provider and that are in the effected locations;~~ and,

providing to the user at least one communication advising him of the alert message.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the reporting agency is selected from the group consisting of National Weather Service, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, Amber Alert Systems, State Police, Fire Department, local government agency, and local police.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said communication is selected from the group consisting of displaying information, triggering an audio alert, and supplying a voice message.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

permitting the user to limit said providing step based upon subject content of the message.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of :
permitting the user to limit the frequency at which said communications are provided to
him.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
defining the location of a destination contained in the message; and,
communicating to the user directions from his present location to said destination.

8. (Currently Amended) A system for communicating from a cell phone service provider to a cell phone user who is a member of a class of recipients, said user located in a particular local geographical area, an alert message that effects that particular local geographical area, said system comprising:

~~a first determining means for determining the user is located in said geographical area;~~
~~means for receiving said alert message from a reporting agency, said message containing information as to locations effected;~~
a first determining means for determining the user is located in said geographical area;
a second determining means for determining that the user is a member of a class intended to receive said alert cellular phone cells that are serviced by the cell phone service provider and that are in the effected locations; and,
means for providing to the user at least one communication advising him of the alert message.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8 wherein the reporting agency is selected from the group consisting of National Weather Service, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, Amber Alert Systems, State Police, Fire Department, local government agency, and local police.

10. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein said communication is selected from the group consisting of displaying information, triggering an audio alert, and supplying a voice message.

11. (Original) The system of claim 8 further comprising:
means for permitting the user to limit said providing means based upon subject content of the message.

12. (Original) The system of claim 8 further comprising:
means for permitting the user to limit the frequency at which said communications are provided to him.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) The system of claim 8 further comprising:
means for defining the location of a destination contained in the message; and,
means for communicating to the user directions from his present location to said destination.